

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above amendment and reconsideration in view of the amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 6-7 and 9-116 are pending, and claims 4-5 and 8 are canceled.

Two invalid code words have been deleted from claim 20. --or synch signal portion-- has been added to broaden claim 48. The last paragraph of claim 48 has been canceled to broaden the claim. Claims 100 and 101 have been narrowed by adding that the p bit cells at predetermined locations are --non-consecutive--. Claims 113-116 have been added.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-3, 6-7, and 9-112, allegedly because the reissue declaration is defective as follows:

"2. The reissue oath/declaration filed with the application is defective because it fails to contain the statement required under 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1) as to applicant's belief that the original patent is wholly or partly inoperative or invalid ..."; and

"3. The reissue oath/declaration filed with the application is defective because it fails to identify at least one error which is relied upon to support the reissue application ..."; and

"4. The reissue oath/declaration filed with the application is defective because it fails to contain the statement that all errors which are being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing of the oath/declaration arose without deceptive intention on the part of applicant. ...";

applicant traverses this rejection as follows.

The declaration filed with the application states as follows:

"I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below:

By reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

In claim 1, for example, "signal value" has been changed to -logical value- which applicant believes is a broadening of the claims.

Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant."

The above statements in the oath satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR 1.175.

The claims are definite and distinguished from the citations and Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) including fees for any required extension of time, to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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